

REMARKS

The present Letter of Amendment is being submitted in response to the International Preliminary Examination Report completed 26 February 1999.

Claim 1 remains as filed. New Claims 2 through 20 are submitted for consideration at this time. No claims are cancelled. Accordingly, Claims 1 through 20 are pending in this applicatino.

The basis for the new claims may be found throughout the specification and drawings as originally filed. No new matter has been added. Applicants believe that the new claims do not go beyond the disclosure of the application as originally filed.

Replacement sheets 18, 18a, 18b, and 18c are submitted herewith.

Applicants respectfully submit that the application in its present form is allowable over the art of record. Should the Authorized Officer have any questions, Applicants respectfully request that the Officer contact the Applicants' undersigned attorney at (248) 641-1600.

If any fees are due in connection with this response to prevent the abandonment of this application, please consider this an authorization to charge our Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any fee which may be due. A duplicate copy of this response is enclosed.

The original of this amendment is being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" services, and a copy of this amendment is being sent by facsimile to the U.S. Receiving Office on the date

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Respectfully submitted,



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